

In the Claims

Amend claims 24 to 32 as follows:

24. (Currently Amended) An [opto]electronic component carrier comprising a substrate, an [opto]electronic component and a compact label, wherein said component and said compact label are mounted on said substrate, and said compact label comprises a coded data symbol having a two dimensional array of cells.

25. (Currently Amended) An [opto]electronic component carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein the substrate and the compact label are integrally formed.

26. (Currently Amended) An [opto]electronic component carrier as claimed in claim 24 wherein the compact label further comprises a second substrate, said second substrate having an etchable layer into which the coded data symbol is etched.

27. (Currently Amended) An [opto]electronic device comprising an [opto]electronic component carrier as claimed in claim 24.

28. (Currently Amended) A compact method of labelling an [opto]electronic component carrier comprising mounting on a substrate a compact label wherein said compact label comprises a coded data symbol having a two dimensional array of cells.

29. (Currently Amended) A compact method of labelling an [opto]electronic component carrier as claimed in claim 28 wherein said compact label is produced by providing a second substrate, providing an etchable layer on the second substrate and etching the etchable layer.

30. (Currently Amended) A compact method of labelling an [opto]electronic component carrier as claimed in claim 29 wherein the etching is performed using an electron beam technique.

31. (Currently Amended) A vision system for reading a coded data symbol on an [opto]electronic component carrier, wherein said symbol comprises a two dimensional array of cells, said vision system comprising a light source to illuminate the symbol and a detector capable of detecting a two dimensional pattern of light reflected from the symbol.

32. (Currently Amended) An [opto]electronic component carrier compact labelling system comprising a compact label carrying a coded identifier symbol for attachment to an [opto]electronic component carrier, wherein the coded identifier symbol comprises a two dimensional array of cells, a vision system for reading and decoding the compact label and data storage means for storing at a location identifiable according to the decoded identifier data relevant to the component.
